

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line <sup>2</sup>4, of the specification (a marked up version of a substitute specification was submitted with this application on January 12, 2006) with the following amended paragraph:

-- A first blade 1 and a second blade 2 are pivotally joined together at a center portion 3. The first blade 1 and the second blade 2 have a cutting portion 4 and a cutting portion 5, respectively, each of which extends distally from the center portion 3. Likewise, the first blade 1 and the second blade 2 have a first handle portion 6 and a second handle portion 7, respectively, each of which extends proximally from the center portion 3. The first handle portion 6 and the second handle portion 7 include a finger ring (a finger support) 10 and a finger ring (a finger support) 11, respectively. The finger ring 10 and the finger ring 11 are secured to a joint portion 8 of the first blade 1 and a joint portion 9 of the second blade 2, respectively. Each of the joint portions 8, 9 extends from the corresponding one of the cutting portions 4, 5. The first and second blades 1, 2 are formed of metal. The finger rings 10, 11 of the first and second handle portions 6, 7 are formed of synthetic resin. Each of the ~~fingers other than the thumb, or the~~ forefinger, the middle finger, the ring finger, and the pinky finger [[.]] is entirely or partially passed through the finger ring 10 of the first handle portion 6. The finger ring 10 is thus referred to as a "four-finger ring". The thumb is passed through the finger ring 11 of the second handle portion 7 and thus the finger ring 11 is referred to as a "thumb ring". --

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 (i.e. beginning at the bottom of page 16, last line or two) with the following amended paragraph: